



# Labor Asks Justice, Security

## Welfare Of People Must Come First

By A. R. MOSHER,  
President, Canadian Congress  
of Labor

The cold war has suddenly become hot in the Korean peninsula, and the free nations are anxiously envisaging the possibility of a third World War. The invasion of Korea by Communist forces has brought Soviet Russia and her satellite nations clearly into contrast with the United Nations, and the war which is now being fought in Korea is the direct result of Russian policies ever since the United Nations was founded.

It is no longer possible to have any doubt regarding the menace of Communism to our civilization. Every effort has been made to work with Russia, and the democratic countries have been far too complacent in permitting the development of Communist groups.

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## Labor Day Message

From M. J. COLDWELL,  
C.C.F. National Leader

ON LABOR DAY, 1950, I am happy to send greetings to all our friends and supporters throughout the country. At this stage in the development of the C.C.F. we must concentrate on building a united people's movement which can be an effective answer to the insecurity and injustice of the present troubled times.

In building unity within our movement we must remember the basic ideal which brought us together. We were, and are determined to remove the exploitation of man by man and to substitute for it co-operation among all people in the common interest.

It is this simple objective which unites us. Methods may change as we learn new techniques and benefit from the experience of the years, but our aims are fundamental and they must always remain before us.



M. J. COLDWELL  
C.C.F. National Leader

The C.C.F. recognizes the importance of all who produce whether by hand or brain, whether they labor on the farm, in the mines, factories or elsewhere. The labor movement, which is one of the best organized of all the producer groups, should give leadership in the promotion of economic and social justice for all.

On Labor Day, the members and supporters of organized labor should dedicate themselves anew to the task of building brotherhood by protecting our hard-won freedoms and adding to them the economic and social justice which alone can make these freedoms more meaningful.

## A Good Year For Labor



## PERSONAL STUFF

BY  
E. E. R.

An Edmonton man who has been in Europe this summer gave an interview to the newspapers on his return and among other things he made these statements: "rebuilding is going on (on the continent) at a faster rate than in England and workers are producing more under the free economies of Europe". And, "In Britain . . . workers' initiative had been sapped by government restrictions and regulations . . . nationalization had caused an increase in costs with proportional decrease in efficiency". In the first place I don't quite see how anyone making a hurried trip through several European countries, with a few days in Britain, could so positively reach such a definite conclusion. Did the Edmonton traveller (Mr. A. L. Burrows, a former Conservative candidate in West Edmonton) take some sort of motion measurements of workers in action in Britain, Holland, Belgium and France? And if he did not, how does he know that the workers in Holland, which he particularly mentioned, are producing more than in Britain? I ask these questions seriously, because if he has devised some new method of judging the productivity of the workers of a nation, the United Nations' Department of Economic Affairs would, I am sure, like to hear about it.

You see, it is one of the

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## Poverty Is Challenge To Democracy

By PERCY R. BENGOUGH,  
C.B.E., President the Trades and  
Labor Congress of Canada

Again it is my pleasure and privilege to issue a Labor Day Message to the people of Canada on behalf of The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

In this mid-century year, we are living through very critical times. The situation both at home and abroad calls for clear and courageous decisions by all of us, and for unqualified determination to see that democracy is made to work for all freedom-loving people wherever they may live in this troubled world.

In our consideration of the critical international situation, however, we should not lose sight of the positive steps which have been taken towards democratic expansion and enduring peace. High on this list is the United Nations' program of Technical Assistance to Underdeveloped Areas. This project is designed to raise the living standards in countries which have not undergone the modernization in industry and agriculture that we have. This program has the solid support and able assistance of the International Labor Organization and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

Working Internationally  
Organized labor has been striving for many years to create a

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## MINIATURE RADIO TO CONTROL AIRCRAFT

A radio set, weighing just one ounce and designed to control flight of model aircraft, has been perfected by a man in Norfolk, England. In trials with a large model plane, the craft reacted perfectly to controls at the transmitter during a 15-minute flight.

## LABOR LEADERS



PERCY R. BENGOUGH,  
President, Trades and Labor  
Congress of Canada



A. R. MOSHER,  
President, Canadian Congress  
of Labour

## MRS. ADAIR TO SPEAK AT WOMEN'S MEETING

Edmonton C.C.F. Women's Club will meet at Woodsworth House, Monday, September 11, at 8:00 p.m., when Mrs. J. W. Adair will report on the recent C.C.F. National Convention at Vancouver.

Plans for the bazaar to be held on Saturday, October 7, will be discussed.

By H. G. TURNER  
Secretary, Edmonton Trades and Labor Council

Another year has passed, all too quickly, and speaking on behalf of Organized Labor as represented by the Edmonton Trades and Labor Council, may I say that it has been one of the most successful we have ever experienced. True there has been unemployment, perhaps more than usual owing to the unseasonal weather we experienced during the winter when much construction work had to be curtailed. Nevertheless, it is satisfactory to note that not one hour's work was lost through industrial strife. This fact speaks volumes for the friendly relations which exist between Labor and Management. New agreements have been negotiated in all trades. Wages and working conditions

have been improved. Membership in the various unions shows a considerable increase over last year, and all organizations affiliated with the Trades Council are reported to be in a flourishing condition. We have much to be thankful for.

## The Railroad Strike

Since writing the foregoing, events affecting the economy of the nation have taken place, making us realize in the most forceful manner that whether we live in Edmonton or in Halifax our interests are the same. As I write this, thousands of workers are out on strike, and as a result thousands more have been forced to drop their tools and are now idle. The result: No take

home pay, and no strike benefits for those families who have involuntarily become involved in the struggle.

## Justified

As to the merits of the dispute, there is no doubt whatsoever in the minds of organized labor that if ever a strike were justified, this is it! Starting negotiations more than fourteen months ago, during which time organized labor across Canada had received two increases in wages, varying from 10c to 25c per hour; during which time the cost of living had risen by leaps and bounds—even according to the index which as we all know is a fictitious calculation, the workers would have been entitled to a \$2 a week increase in wages)

—it has taken until now for the workers to be told that their demands were exorbitant, and could not be acceded to. Is it any wonder that the ballot showed an overwhelming majority in favor of strike action? Belatedly and most reluctantly the federal government has taken action. By the time these lines are in print, the dispute will have been settled (we hope). At the risk of being branded "false prophets" we will prophesy that the demands of the workers will be met, perhaps with some modifications, but nevertheless a victory for organized labor will be achieved!

Must Carb Prices  
We will go further, and

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## WITHOUT PROFIT or GAIN

As Labor Day, 1950, rolls around the people of Canada are anxiously watching the Far Eastern situation, ever thoughtful of the tremendous price in lives, suffering and misery that a third world war would inflict. Should the Korean war develop into a global affair, every sacrifice Canadians are called upon to give should be given without flinching or hesitating: without thought of profit or gain. All we should ask in return is freedom, peace, security and the right to live our own decent, healthy lives. That is what honest, working men and women in our nation want—that is what they are entitled to. But alas! there are those who would ask more. Those who would use such a bloody holocaust to profit economically and those who would sabotage our war effort for political gain. There is no difference in my opinion, between the war profiteer and the Communist, in that both would sell all or part of our social program for freedom and security down the river. We must place a firm and restraining hand on them. Not when the war gets rolling, but now.

When it comes to remedy and treatment in a situation of this kind, there is a vast difference between the Communist and the war profiteer. We can rapidly and effectively deal with the known Canadian Communists. They may howl to the high heavens about freedom in our democracy, nonetheless, this being a war of political aggression with their political pals doing the aggressing, they should and *must* be interned, as were the Fascists and Nazis in the last war. If they feel that this is too harsh a treatment I am quite sure that the government of Canada would be only too willing to

fly them to Russia and dump them out with their chums.

### War Profiteering

To effectively deal with war profiteering is something quite different. We are not necessarily dealing with enemies to our way of life and it takes much greater time to get the machinery in operation to prevent any unjust profiteering. It requires legislation: the setting up of boards to administer man power, to allocate contracts for armaments, to establish price control, to obtain materials and the many other requirements of war.

Many of us have not forgotten what took place during and after the last world wars. Labor and farmer were accused of sabotaging the war effort in their attempts to keep up with the rising cost of living. The taxpayers were burdened with a tremendous load brought about by government spending with far too much going into fabulous profits for some industries and individuals. When the taxpayers complained at this they were told that any interference at this time would hamper our war effort and it was the patriotic duty to do all that was necessary to win the war.

To prevent a recurrence of that situation it should be dealt with now before the pressure of war

By JACK HAMPSON  
President, Industrial Federation  
of Labor of Alberta



JACK HAMPSON

is too heavy upon us. Once the full pressure of war production is here, our pleas for fair play will be smothered under a barrage of accusations from sabotage to lack of patriotism. If those who fight in this, our third world war, will not have fought in vain we, the working people of our nation, must unite on this Labor Day in demanding that the federal government take immediate steps to: (1) roll back prices to the level of

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positive moral and humane force in international affairs which could raise the social and economic status of working people throughout the world. Unfortunately there are countries in which no free trade union is allowed to exist. But millions of workers in over fifty countries, through their national organizations such as The Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, are affiliated to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions.

The I.C.F.T.U. is the instrument through which working people in the free countries of the world are determined to raise the standards of wages and working conditions, to improve health and housing, to increase and extend education, to make social security available to all as a right, and to thus lay sound foundations upon which democracy can grow and flourish.

But international organizations are only as strong and effective as the national organizations that support them.

Here, in Canada, the outlook is not entirely gloomy. While there are many things we would have liked to have seen done, but which have not been done, there are other objectives which we have achieved.

Our organization is stronger than ever before. Membership in almost every one of our affiliated organizations has increased. Many new unions have been chartered by the Congress. Today, I am happy to say that our total membership is very close to half a million.

But we still have much to do. The cost of living is at an alarming peak and still rising. Measures of price control are imperative. Though we have repeatedly asked for government action on price control, nothing is being done.

However, many of our people have obtained better agreements with their employers during the year. Many have gained increases in wages. More of our workers have had their working hours shortened. More have been added to the continually growing number working the five-day week. Many thousands of others are still struggling to obtain these benefits.

More of our people are enjoying vacations with pay, but there are still thousands who get the holidays without the pay. One week's vacation with pay is not enough. Every worker should have at least two weeks' holidays with pay in which he can find pleasure and enjoyment with his family.

We are still sadly lacking in social security. There have been some improvements made this year in the coverage and benefits of Unemployment Insurance. But Old Age Pensions remain puny pittance paid only to those who would otherwise starve. There is no national health services scheme, and no semblance of any overall social security plan.

A Parliamentary Committee has recommended that the means test should be removed and pensions paid to all of seventy and over. This Committee was much too cautious and unrealistic in its approach. The age limit for the payment of a universal pension should have been set at 65. This Committee also recommended that the amount of the pension should remain at the rate of forty dollars a month. Even at sixty dollars a month many of our older citizens would find the going very tough in present conditions with the cost of living still climbing.

These are some of the things we must do to make democracy work here in Canada. Communism with few exceptions breeds among the frustrated and the hungry. It doesn't find fertile ground among those who have good homes, reasonable incomes, and who can

face the future and the recurring crises of life with confidence.

Today we are again faced with threats of armed attack. In fact, armed aggression has occurred in at least one country. The deceitful men of the Kremlin have

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as well as the spread of Commun-  
ist philosophy throughout the  
world. Communists have been al-  
lowed to attack and undermine  
their own governments, and to  
build up so-called political parties,  
which were nothing more than or-  
ganized conspiracies, getting their  
orders from Moscow and carrying  
out Soviet foreign policy. The ag-  
gression in Korea should put the  
democratic nations on ~~guard~~  
lead to a determined effort to  
abolish social conditions which en-  
courage the spread of Communism  
within their borders.

### A Notable Event

The Labor movement in the free  
countries has always been a target  
for Communists, and in almost  
every nation they have been able  
to dominate Labor unions in vari-  
ous industries. Within recent  
years, however, strong opposition  
has developed against Communist  
leadership, as a result of the ob-  
vious devotion of Communists to  
Soviet Russia and their slavish  
following of the party-line. This  
development had proceeded to  
such an extent that, at a confer-  
ence held in London, England, last  
December, it was possible to es-  
tablish the International Confed-  
eration of Free Trade Unions as a  
successor to the World Federation  
of Trade Unions, which had fallen  
under Communist control. This  
was one of the notable events of  
the past year, and it is significant  
that the four large Labor centres  
on this continent are affiliated  
with the new Confederation.

The Canadian Congress of  
Labor has publicly opposed Com-  
munism ever since it was formed  
ten years ago. Within the past  
year, it expelled a Communist-  
dominated union, the Internation-  
al Union of Mine, Mill and Smelt-  
er Workers, and it suspended the  
United Electrical, Radio and  
Machine Workers of America. The  
latter union will undoubtedly be  
expelled from the Congress at the  
Convention which will be held in  
Winnipeg during the last week in  
September.

### Opposition Not Enough

The conflict in Korea has intensi-  
fied the efforts of Canadian  
workers to uproot Communism  
within their ranks. However, op-  
position to Communism is not  
enough. Communism can be de-  
stroyed only if the free countries  
of the world make their institu-  
tions function effectively in pro-  
moting the welfare of the people.  
Every citizen has a responsibility  
in this respect. Institutions are no  
stronger than the individuals who  
support and administer them.  
Where grievances of any kind pre-  
vail, Communism has a chance to  
sow its seeds of disruption, and it  
is, therefore, essential that there  
be a concerted and continuous ef-  
fort to make our democracy fully  
representative, to provide econ-  
omic justice for our people,  
and to bring our educational  
and other institutions to the  
highest possible level of efficiency  
in rendering the public service for  
which they were established.

We all believe in democratic  
principles, and in the traditional  
rights and freedoms upon which  
our civilization has been found-  
ed. Now more than ever we  
must cherish our liberties and  
insist that they be respected.  
As one of the national institu-  
tions in its field, the Canadian  
Congress of Labor is doing  
everything possible in this re-  
gard. During the past year it  
has laid special emphasis on  
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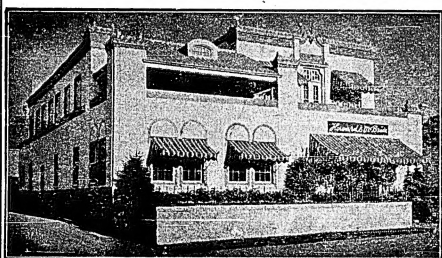
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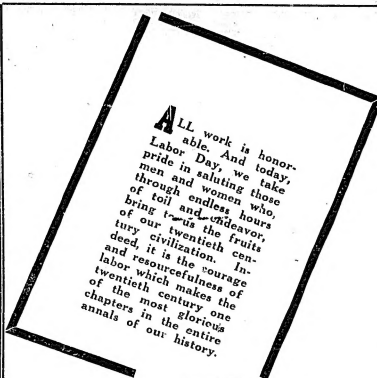
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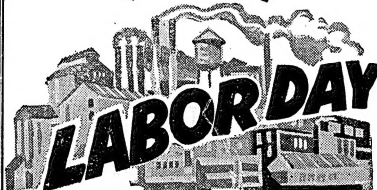
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## Without Profit

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the date of the Korean war started; (2) immediately implement effective price control, (3) the Federal subsidies when and where they are necessary, (4) limit profits of war contracts to 5 per cent.

Should this be done, organized labor in Canada, I feel sure, would not hesitate to pledge that no strikes would take place during the period of war, as we did during the last war. This is what labor asks on Labor Day 1950.

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knowledge and ability through institutes and study courses. It has also carried on research into a number of Canadian problems, and has provided material for submissions to the Government emphasizing the necessity for price-control, old age security, and similar matters. The views and recommendations of the Congress with regard to these questions have not been altered by the necessity of much greater defence expenditures than had been anticipated.

We are living in an era of tension and anxiety. Our success in meeting our problems will depend upon the efforts of individuals and groups to promote good relationships, and upon their loyalty to sound principles. The Canadian Congress of Labor will gladly co-operate with other Canadian institutions in strengthening the foundations of our democratic society, and building upon them a social order in which justice and security will prevail.

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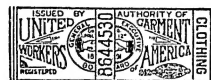
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